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9 Abstract: Agricultural intensification is implicated as a major driver of global biodiversity loss.  
10 Local management and landscape scale factors both influence biodiversity in agricultural  
11 systems, but there are relatively few studies to date looking at how local and landscape scales  
12 influence biodiversity in tropical agroecosystems.

13 Understanding what drives the diversity of groups of organisms such as spiders is important from  
14 a pragmatic point of view because of the important biocontrol services they offer to agriculture.  
15 Spiders in coffee are somewhat enigmatic because of their positive or lack of response to  
16 agricultural intensification. In this study, we provide the first analysis, to our knowledge, of the  
17 arboreal spiders in the shade trees of coffee plantations.

18 In the Soconusco region of Chiapas, Mexico we sampled across 38 sites on 9 coffee plantations.  
19 Tree and canopy connectedness were found to positively influence overall arboreal spider  
20 richness and abundance. We found that different functional groups of spiders are responding to

21 different local and landscape factors, but overall elevation was most important variable  
22 influencing arboreal spider diversity.

23 Our study has practical management applications that suggest having shade grown coffee offers  
24 more suitable habitat for arboreal spiders due to a variety of the characteristics of the shade trees.

25 Our results which show consistently more diverse arboreal spider communities in lower  
26 elevations are important in light of looming global climate change. As the range of suitable  
27 elevations for coffee cultivation shrinks promoting arboreal spider diversity will be important in  
28 sustaining the viability of coffee.

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43 Introduction

44 Agriculture has the potential to play a pivotal role in the conservation of biodiversity  
45 worldwide, and with 40% of the terrestrial Earth fragmented by agriculture (Foley et al. 2005),  
46 there in lies the need to more effectively manage agroecosystems for both food production and  
47 biodiversity conservation. With growing concerns about the adverse effects of modern  
48 agriculture (Foley et al. 2005; Swift et al. 2006; IAASTD 2009; Rockström et al. 2009; Power  
49 2010), by making agroecosystems more habitable to biodiversity we can simultaneously address  
50 the global decline in biodiversity while maintaining sustainable agricultural production.

51 Biodiversity in agroecosystems responds to local factors such as crop density and crop  
52 diversity, crop rotations, and chemical inputs (Tscharntke et al. 2005, Batáry 2010). Biodiversity  
53 can also respond to landscape scale factors such as distance to forest, management of edge  
54 habitat, and landscape heterogeneity (Tscharntke et al. 2005, Schmidt 2005). Some species  
55 response to different scales of management intensity, (Tscharntke et al. 2005, Drapela 2007,  
56 Batary 2008) therefore management at local and landscape levels can have varying impacts  
57 depending on the species.

58 Coffee agroecosystems in the tropics, when traditionally managed with high numbers of  
59 shade trees, tend to harbor more biodiversity than intensive coffee agroecosystems (Perfecto et  
60 al. 1996). Intensification of coffee often consists of the reduction in the number of shade trees,  
61 tree diversity, canopy complexity, as well as the increase in agrochemical inputs. Recent studies  
62 in agroforestry systems, such as coffee and cacao, show that increased biodiversity often  
63 provides greater biological control of insect pests and diseases (DeBeenhouwer et al. 2013). In  
64 cacao plantations, for example, managing for high densities of shade trees can increase the  
65 abundance of important generalist predators, especially spiders (Stenchly et al. 2011).

66 Spiders are generalist predators that can offer the important biocontrol services in  
67 agriculture (Riechert 1984, Riechert 1990, Riechert 1997, Symondson 2002). Spiders prevent  
68 and suppress pest outbreaks in arable crops (Symondson et al. 2002, Riechert 1984). They are  
69 unique among predators because they are largely generalist consumers (Wise 1993), which  
70 allows them to persist when pest numbers are low by feeding on alternative prey items within the  
71 agroecosystem (Settle 1996, Symondson 2002). In some cases diverse assemblages of spiders  
72 can provide greater pest suppression than simple assemblages (Riechert 1984, Riechert 1990,  
73 Riechert 1997, Symondson 2002). Given the importance of spiders in providing biocontrol, and  
74 therefore in reducing the need for chemical control, understanding what factors drive spider  
75 abundance and richness in agroecosystems is critical.

76 Surprisingly in coffee, spiders show an inconsistent response to intensification and  
77 typically tend to increase with increased intensification of the agroecosystem. For example,  
78 ground and coffee-dwelling spiders are more diverse in intensified coffee agroecosystems  
79 (Pinkus et al. 2006; Marín and Perfecto 2013). Spiders that live on tree trunks of shade trees had  
80 no relationship with canopy cover and distance to forest, but they were affected by tree trunk  
81 characteristics (Marín, personal communication). Pinkus-Rendón et al. (2006) found spider  
82 diversity in the epigeal layers of coffee was negatively correlated with tree cover and plant  
83 diversity but only in the rainy season. Similarly, in cacao agroforestry systems, Stenchly et al.  
84 (2011) reported no effect of shade tree density on spiders. Spider's lack of response or positive  
85 response to shade intensification lies in contrast to how other organisms respond, and how  
86 spiders respond to intensification in arable crops in the temperate zone. Studies in arable crops  
87 show that heterogeneous landscapes and low intensity agricultural practices have a positive  
88 effect on spiders (Schmidt et al. 2008, Schmidt et al. 2005, Clough et al. 2005). Spiders in

89 tropical agroforestry systems and temperate arable crops seem to be responding to different  
90 factors, so understanding what makes these assemblages respond differently is important.  
91 Furthermore, to our knowledge, all the studies of spiders in coffee agroecosystems to date do not  
92 include the arboreal spider assemblages, in particular the spiders inhabiting the shade tree  
93 canopies. Work by Stenchly et al. (2011, 2012) on arboreal spiders in cacao agroforests suggests  
94 that arboreal spiders may be responding differently in canopies than communities on the ground,  
95 tree trunks, and the coffee layer in coffee agroecosystems.

96 To better understand what factors drive arboreal spider diversity, in this study, we  
97 investigated how arboreal spiders respond to a spectrum of management and landscape  
98 characteristics at three spatial scales in coffee agroecosystems. We hypothesized that there would  
99 be important drivers of spider diversity at all three spatial scales which included tree  
100 characteristics (local scale), plot level management (broader local scale), and landscape features.  
101 At the tree level we expected that the number of canopy connections to the sample tree, as well  
102 as the leaf area would increase both abundance and richness of spiders. We hypothesized that  
103 with more canopy connectedness we observe greater spider abundance and richness because of  
104 the increase in habitat access for arboreal spiders. At the plot level we expected an increase in  
105 arboreal abundance with a greater percentage of shade in the plot and an increasing number of  
106 shade trees in the plot, which has been supported in cacao plantations in the tropics (Stenchly et  
107 al. 2011). Spiders are able to maintain populations in tropical agroecosystems year round unlike  
108 in temperate agroecosystems where they often need to colonize the agricultural plots annually  
109 from edges of agriculture fields and forest fragments due to plowing (Hogg et al. 2009). We  
110 therefore predicted there would be no effect of distance to forest at the landscape scale, which  
111 has been reported by Marín and Perfecto (in review) for leaf litter spiders in coffee and Stenchly

112 et al. (2011) in cacao plantations. We predicted that with an increasing proportion of forest in a  
113 1000m radius from the center of our plot there would be a decrease in spider abundance and  
114 richness, because it has been shown that unmanaged land tend to harbor more diverse  
115 communities (Batáry 2012), and we would expect spiders to remain within the forest patches and  
116 not move to the coffee patches. Elevation has been an effective predictor of spider communities  
117 in the tropics (Stenchly et al. 2011); therefore, we predicted a decrease in abundance and species  
118 richness with increasing elevation.

## 119 Methods

120 We conducted our study in the Soconusco region of Chiapas, Mexico across coffee  
121 plantations that ranged in elevation between 695-1273 m.a.s.l. The Soconusco landscape is  
122 dominated by coffee agriculture (94%), with small forest fragments (6%) lining some valleys and  
123 mountain ridges (Philpott et al. 2008). We located 38 sites within 9 coffee plantations that varied  
124 by management intensity within this region.

125 Within each site we measured tree level, site level, and landscape level factors (Table 1).  
126 Tree level factors included: tree height, branch length, branch diameter at three spots on the  
127 branch, number of leaves, number of canopies touching sampled tree and identity of those trees.  
128 The average diameter of the branch was estimated and used with branch length to calculate  
129 branch volume which was used a measure of sampling effort. The area of leaves was measured  
130 and used estimated total leaf area per branch. Local site level factors described site  
131 characteristics as they pertain to the intensity of the management of the coffee plantation; in  
132 particular percent shade cover and shade tree density. We used a Global Positioning System to  
133 map a hectare circular area around the center of a site, then documented the abundance and  
134 richness of all tree species within that area. We used Incidence-based coverage estimates (ICE)

135 in EstimateS (Colwell 2011) to estimate the total number of tree species within a site because  
136 plot size varied between (0.8 and 1.2 ha). We measured shade cover at the center, 5m and 10m  
137 away in each cardinal direction and used the average of these measurements.

138 Using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) we measured landscape scale factors  
139 surrounding each site. To measure landscape composition, we digitized forests and coffee farms  
140 of varying intensity using ArcGIS 10 and utilizing a basemap of the region. Plantation  
141 boundaries were used to define rough categorizations of landscape shade management intensity  
142 based on the average percent shade cover of plantations: high- (>70%), medium- (30-70%), and  
143 low- (<30%) shade management. Some plantations had large areas of more than one category of  
144 shade intensity level. We therefore delineated these areas and categorized each area into its  
145 appropriate level. With this categorization, we calculated percent forest, low-shade, medium-  
146 shade, and high-shade coffee land-use types within 250, 500, 1000m radii surrounding each site.  
147 Our data was analyzed utilizing 1000m radii because we were interested in larger scales  
148 influence on spider diversity. We also calculated the Shannon diversity index ( $\sum -\ln(p)p$ ) of the  
149 habitat types.

150 At each site three shade trees were selected belonging to the species *Inga micheliana* or *I.*  
151 *rodrigueziana*, the two most common shade species in the region. Once trees were selected, two  
152 branches from each tree were cut with an extendable pole-cutter or the tree was scaled and  
153 branches lowered down. The branches were then shaken aggressively over a 1 by 1m black  
154 blanket, where spiders could be more efficiently collected. After shaking no longer produced  
155 more spiders, the branch was put down on the blanket and all of the leaves were checked for  
156 spiders, then, the number of leaflets on each branch was counted. All of the spiders were stored in  
157 vials of 97% alcohol in the field.



158 The specimens were sorted into morphospecies and identified to species when possible.  
159 For all reproductively mature spiders body length were measured under a dissection scope.  
160 Identification of multiple groups was assisted by Guillermo Ibarra Nuñez at El Colegio de la  
161 Frontera Sur in Tapachula, Chiapas. Spiders were broken into 5 guilds defined by Young &  
162 Edwards (1990), which included sheet-web, orb-web, matrix-web, active-wandering, and  
163 ambush-wandering. We condensed these guilds into two groups: web-building spiders and  
164 wandering spiders.

165 To determine which factors within the agroecosystem were strong predictors of arboreal  
166 spider abundance and richness we deployed conditional inference trees. Conditional inference  
167 trees are considered well suited to deal with complex non-linear and high-order interactions in  
168 ecological data (De'ath and Fabricus 2000). Conditional inference trees are non-parametric and  
169 are suitable for multivariate variables and arbitrary measurement scales. A binary recursive data-  
170 partitioning algorithm is used to estimate regression relationships, and conditional inference trees  
171 do not assume linearities in the response variables. Parameter instability tests are used for split  
172 selection in the tree building process (Hothorn et al. 2010). Trees were run with the 'party'  
173 package in R, which gives p-values at each node of the tree. Six total trees were run: overall  
174 arboreal spider abundance, overall arboreal spider richness, web-building spider abundance,  
175 web-building spider richness, wandering spider abundance, and wandering spider richness.  
176 Independent factors included in trees are reported in table 1. All data were analyzed in R version  
177 2.15.0.

178 To further evaluate differences between species we used the results of the CIT of species  
179 richness to guide further analysis by comparing sample-based rarefaction curves (MaoTao  
180 estimations in EstimateS) of spider richness in partitions of high and low elevation. To compare

181 differences in community composition among high and low elevations, we used this same  
182 partitioning to compare three measures of community composition. First, we used non-metric  
183 multidimensional scaling (NMDS) of the Bray-Curtis similarity index to visualize differences  
184 between site and group using 95% confidence ellipses to compare overlap. For further  
185 comparison between groups, we used analysis of similarity (ANOSIM) and non-parametric  
186 multivariate analysis of variance (NPMANOVA). Both analyzes are permutation tests that  
187 compare the pairwise differences (Bray-Curtis similarity) of sites among groups and within  
188 groups. NPMANOVA highlights if the dispersion of sites differs between groups and within  
189 groups, while ANOSIM describes whether sites within group are more similar in composition  
190 relative to sites between groups (Hämmer, 2001; Anderson, 2001).

## 191 Results

192 The estimated species accumulation curve approached asymptotic species richness for  
193 this arboreal spider community, suggesting our sampling had captured a significant portion of the  
194 arboreal spider community (Fig. 1).

195 There were 934 spiders collected in total from the sites, consisting of 109 morphospecies.  
196 Only sexually mature spiders were included in the abundance data and about 15% of the samples  
197 consisted of spiders that were not sexually mature. The composition of the canopy spider  
198 communities was comprised mainly of spiders in the families Theridiidae with 44.4% and  
199 Anyphaenidae with 20.9%. The most abundant species was *Theridion nudum* (Levi 1967) in the  
200 family Theridiidae with 168 individuals followed by *Wulfila inornatus* (O. P. Cambridge 1898)  
201 with 139 individuals and *Teudis geminus* (Petrunkevitch 1911) both in Anyphaenidae.

## 202 *Overall arboreal spider abundance*

203 Elevation was the most important factor in driving total arboreal spider abundance ( $p < 0.001$ ; Fig.  
204 2). At elevations at or below 920 any branches above 204 cm<sup>3</sup> had a higher abundance of spiders  
205 ( $p < 0.001$ ). When a branch was at or below 204 cm<sup>3</sup> and there were over 165 trees in the plot  
206 there was a significantly higher abundance of arboreal spiders ( $p = 0.037$ ). When there were 165  
207 or fewer trees in a plot then the percentage of forest on a 1000m radius from the center of the  
208 plot was important. When over 1.8% of the plot was forest then there was higher arboreal spider  
209 abundance in the sampled trees ( $p = 0.015$ ).

#### 210 *Wandering spider abundance*

211 As with total spider abundance elevation, elevation was the most important factor driving  
212 wandering spider abundance. At or below 920m there was a greater abundance of spiders  
213 ( $p < 0.001$ ; Fig. 3). Branches with a volume above 204cm<sup>3</sup> had significantly more spiders  
214 ( $p = 0.002$ ), while within sites with branches smaller than 204.2, the number of trees in the plot  
215 was the next most important driver of spider abundance. There is greater abundance of arboreal  
216 spiders when there was over 155.4 trees in a plot ( $p = 0.037$ ).

#### 217 *Web-building spider abundance*

218 As with total spider abundance and wandering spider abundance, elevation was the most  
219 significant factor for web-building spider abundance. Spiders found at or below 623m had  
220 significantly higher abundance than elevations above that threshold ( $p < 0.001$ ; Fig. 4). Another  
221 threshold in elevation was found where there was greater abundance at or below 920m  
222 ( $p = 0.006$ ). Within sites below 920m, branch volume was the next most important predictor.  
223 Within sites above 920m, the number *Inga* spp. trees connecting the canopy of the sampled tree  
224 was the next most important factor.

225 *Overall arboreal spider richness*

226 Elevation was also the most important factor driving arboreal spider richness ( $p < 0.001$ ; Fig. 5).  
227 At higher elevations there was lower arboreal spider richness. Above 774m shade was significant  
228 in determining spider richness ( $p = 0.028$ ). On farms with over 25% there was higher species  
229 richness. At or below 774m the size of the branch was important and branches larger than  
230 165cm<sup>3</sup> had higher species richness ( $p = 0.021$ ). Although the CIT reported significant differences  
231 in species richness and high and low elevation, we found no differences between the  
232 accumulation of species in sites at high or low elevations (Fig. 6).

233 The composition analyses of sites at high and low elevations revealed some differences in  
234 spider communities (Fig. 7). Visually there were no differences in the similarity of spider  
235 communities at high and low elevations as the 95% confidence ellipses of the NMDS overlapped  
236 substantially (Fig. 7). Further, the ANOSIM showed no difference in spider composition at high  
237 and low elevations (ANOSIM;  $R = 0.0435$ ;  $P = 0.238$ ). However, sites at high elevations had  
238 greater dispersion than sites at low elevations (NPMANOVA;  $F = 4.86$ ;  $P = 0.0001$ ).

239 *Wandering spider richness*

240 For wandering spider richness, elevation was not a factor; instead, the number of *Inga* spp.  
241 canopy connections was the most important factor in determining the richness of wandering  
242 spiders. Where there were more than two *Inga* spp. canopy connections greater richness was  
243 observed ( $p = 0.005$ ; Fig. 8). For trees with two or less *Inga* spp. connections habitat  
244 heterogeneity at the landscape level (Shannon index) was important. Landscapes with index  
245 values of 1.05 or less had higher wandering spider richness ( $p = 0.026$ ).

246 *Web-building spider richness*

247 Species richness of web-building spiders was highest at sites with elevation at or below 811m. At  
248 elevations higher than 811m, branch size was important, and branches above 176cm<sup>3</sup> had higher  
249 web-building spider species richness (p=0.007; Fig. 9). On those branches larger than 176cm<sup>3</sup>  
250 having more than one *Inga* spp. canopy connection leader to greater web-building spider richness  
251 (p=0.031). The percentage of forest in a site had an effect on web-building spider richness when  
252 sampled branches were at or below 176m<sup>3</sup> (p=0.038). When 0.106% or less was forest there was  
253 greater web-building spider richness.

## 254 Discussion

255 This is the first study to sample canopy spiders in coffee plantations. We found that  
256 different groups of spiders are affected in different ways by tree, plot and landscape level factors.  
257 Branch size was consistently important in predicting arboreal spider abundance and can be taken  
258 as measures of sampling effort across the sampled sites, but this can be informative since both  
259 measures can be useful when determining management practices across the coffee plantations.  
260 There is extensive trimming of shade trees across almost all of the plantations and these results  
261 suggest more robust tree canopies lead to greater overall arboreal spider abundance and richness.

262 With the exception of the wandering spider species richness, elevation was the strongest  
263 and most consistent predictor of arboreal spider abundance and species richness. With increasing  
264 elevation we found a decrease in both abundance and species richness. The elevation gradient in  
265 species richness has been well studied for many organisms (reviewed by Willing et al. 2003 and  
266 Hudkinson 2005) including spiders (Otto and Svensson 1982; Urones and puetro 1988; Olson  
267 1994; Russell-Smith and Stork 1994; Rahbek 1995; Bowden and buddle 2010; Stenchley et al.  
268 2011). Although a number of studies have found a negative relationship between ground

269 dwelling spider species richness and abundance and elevation (Otto and Svensson 1982; Rushton  
270 and Eyre 1992; Chatzaki et al. 2005), others have found no effects or an increase in the  
271 abundance of certain groups (Urones and Puerto 1988; Russell-Smith and Stork 1994; Chatzaki  
272 et al. 2005. For example Stenchly (2011), studied web building spiders in cacao plantations in  
273 Indonesia and reported a positive relationship between spider abundance and elevation. The  
274 inconsistencies in distribution pattern could be due to the variability of elevational ranges and  
275 types of spiders included in the studies, as well as the potential impact of other variables such as  
276 habitat types and landscape heterogeneity. In our study, the lack of response for wandering  
277 spider richness suggests that this group of spiders is less sensitive to elevational gradients.

278 We found some support for our expectation of increased spider abundance and richness  
279 with greater shade cover and tree density management. At the plot level, 25% shade cover  
280 significantly increased overall arboreal spider richness. The number of trees per plot had a  
281 positive effect on the overall arboreal spider abundance, and abundance of wandering spiders.  
282 *Inga* spp. trees tend to be the most common trees in many of the coffee plantations in the region  
283 because of their association with nitrogen fixing bacteria (Moguel and Toledo 1999). In some of  
284 the more intensive plantations they account for around 40% of the non-crop trees. Web-building  
285 arboreal spider abundance and the richness increased with the number of *Inga* spp. tree  
286 connections to the focal tree.

287 Overall, landscape level effects were absent or weak in our study. Similar to what  
288 Stenchly and colleagues found for web spiders in cacao plantations in Indonesia, we did not  
289 detect any effect of distance to forest, and this is likely because the coffee agroecosystem offers  
290 habitat architecturally similar to the forest. Although never the most explanatory variable, the  
291 proportion of forest surrounding sites did have some minor impacts on spiders. The proportion

292 of forest in the landscape positively correlated with the abundance of all arboreal spiders and a  
293 negatively correlated with the richness of web-builders. In the case of the overall abundance of  
294 arboreal spiders the positive effect was found only at lower elevation site (below 920 m), lower  
295 branch volume ( $\leq 204 \text{ cm}^3$ ) and in plots with lower tree density ( $\leq 165.5$  individuals). It seems  
296 that, at lower elevations, where spiders are more abundance, and under conditions of lower  
297 vegetation density (more intensive sites), the forest acts as a source for arboreal spiders. The  
298 lower richness in web-building spiders with larger proportion of forest was observed only at  
299 higher elevations ( $>811\text{m}$ ) where spider abundance and richness was low, and for lower branch  
300 volumes suggesting that at higher elevations web-building spiders are more forest specialists and  
301 don't more much into coffee plantation. Land use heterogeneity has been shown to be important  
302 to arboreal spider communities in tropical agroforestry systems (Stenchly et al. 2011), and we  
303 detected a negative effect on wandering spider richness with an increase in land use  
304 heterogeneity.

305 The surprisingly large and consistent effect of elevation across most groups of arboreal  
306 spiders can have very important implications in light of climate change. Arboreal spiders were  
307 consistently higher in abundance and richness in lower elevations, and as the range of elevation  
308 for coffee cultivation dwindles the services provided by spiders may become more important. It  
309 is estimated that within a 2 degree Celsius change in global temperature there would be a 400m  
310 elevational shift in suitable coffee growing elevational range (Vermeulen et al. 2013). Our results  
311 suggest that as less coffee is grown in lower elevations, the pest control services of the greater  
312 diversity and abundance of spiders will be lost to coffee production. Not only will climate  
313 change shift suitable elevation for coffee growth but also it can add stress on coffee growers  
314 from a number of different reasons. One of the most globally important pests of coffee, the

315 coffee berry borer, thrives in the higher temperatures assured by global climate change (Jaramillo  
316 et al. 2011). In the foreseeable future there will be new limitations on the elevation ranges of  
317 coffee cultivation along with possibilities of increased pest densities. The increased berry  
318 abundance and decreased spider pest control services will likely result in strong negative  
319 pressures on coffee.

320 In the light of future hardship, proactive management practices can be set into motion  
321 that will promote abundance and diversity of arboreal spiders and make coffee more resilient to  
322 global climate change. Having more trees, greater canopy cover and greater canopy connectivity  
323 results in more abundance and richness in arboreal spider communities. Not only do these  
324 management practices increase arboreal spider diversity, but also an emphasis on high shade  
325 grown coffee can lead to more than a 10% coffee berry production increase and a consistently  
326 cooler microclimate within the coffee agroecosystem (Jaramillo et al. 2013). This cooler and less  
327 variable microclimate in shade coffee leads to lower proportions of coffee berries infested by the  
328 coffee borer than on sun grown coffee plantations (Jaramillo et al. 2013).

329 This study demonstrates that coffee agroecosystems with more trees, greater canopy  
330 cover, and greater canopy connectivity harbor greater abundance and richness in spider  
331 communities, particularly at lower elevation where spider richness and abundance tends to be  
332 higher. This has practical management applications that suggest having shade grown coffee  
333 offers more suitable habitat for arboreal spiders due to a variety of the characteristics of the  
334 shade trees. Our results showing consistently more diverse arboreal spider communities in lower  
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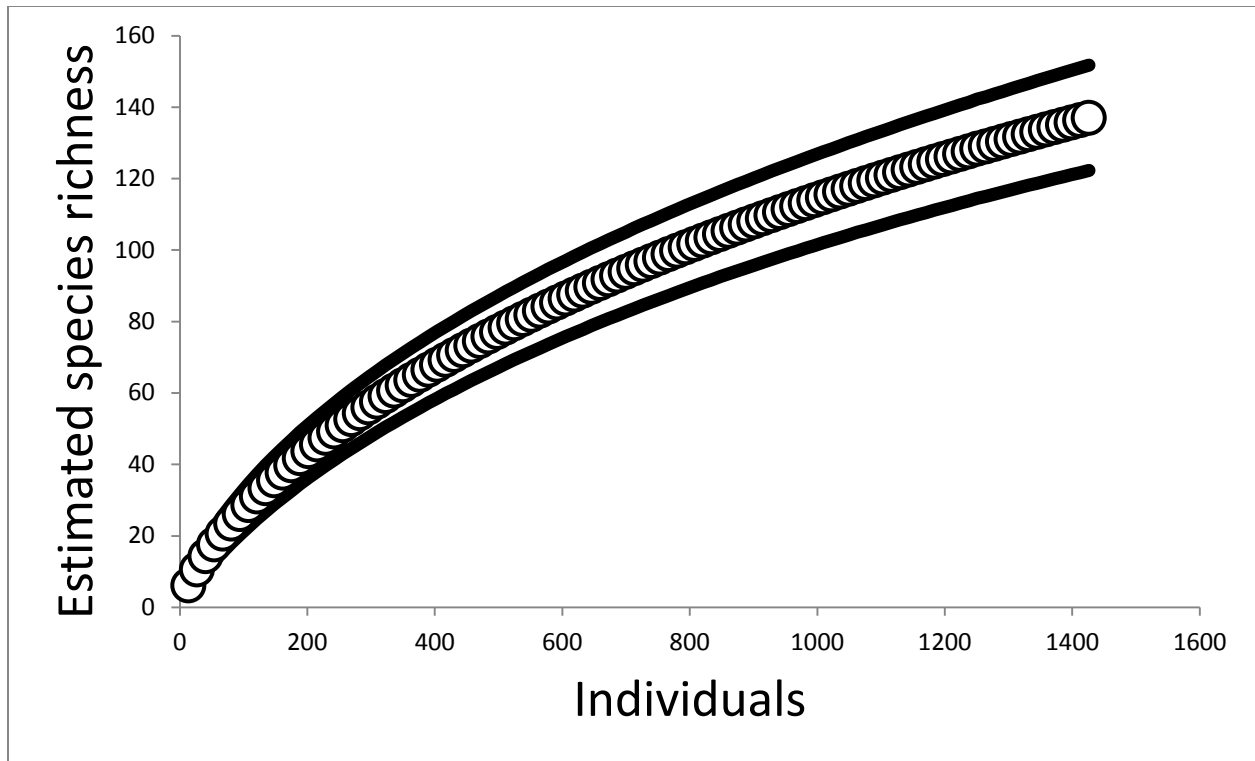
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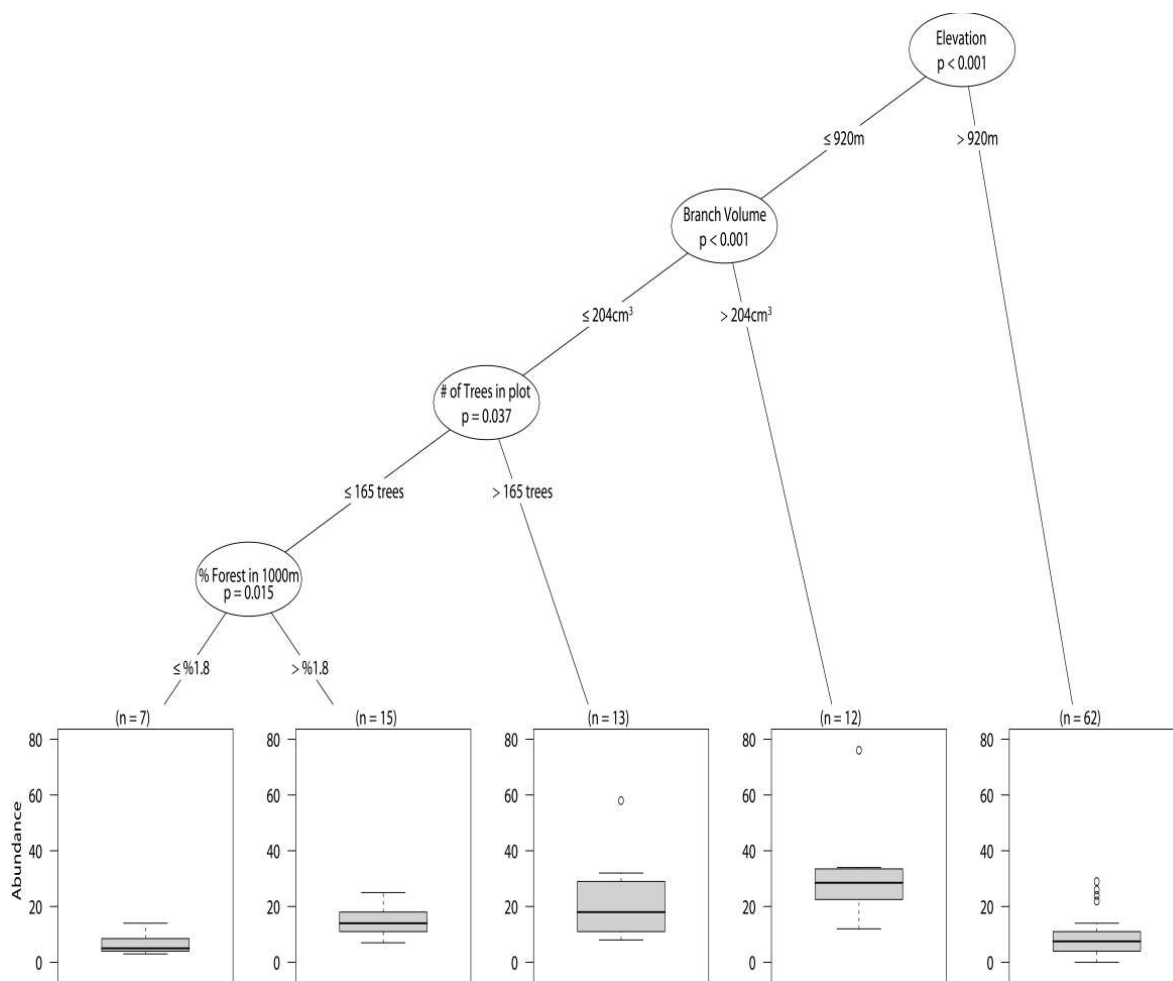
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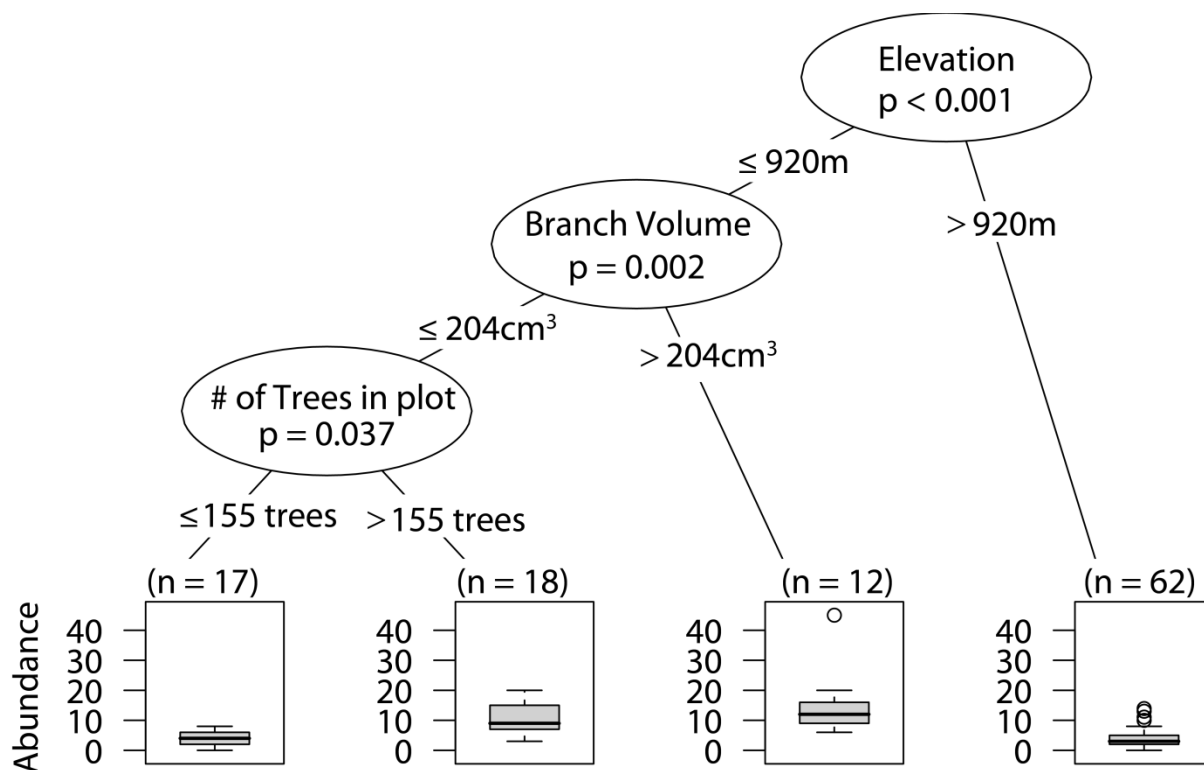
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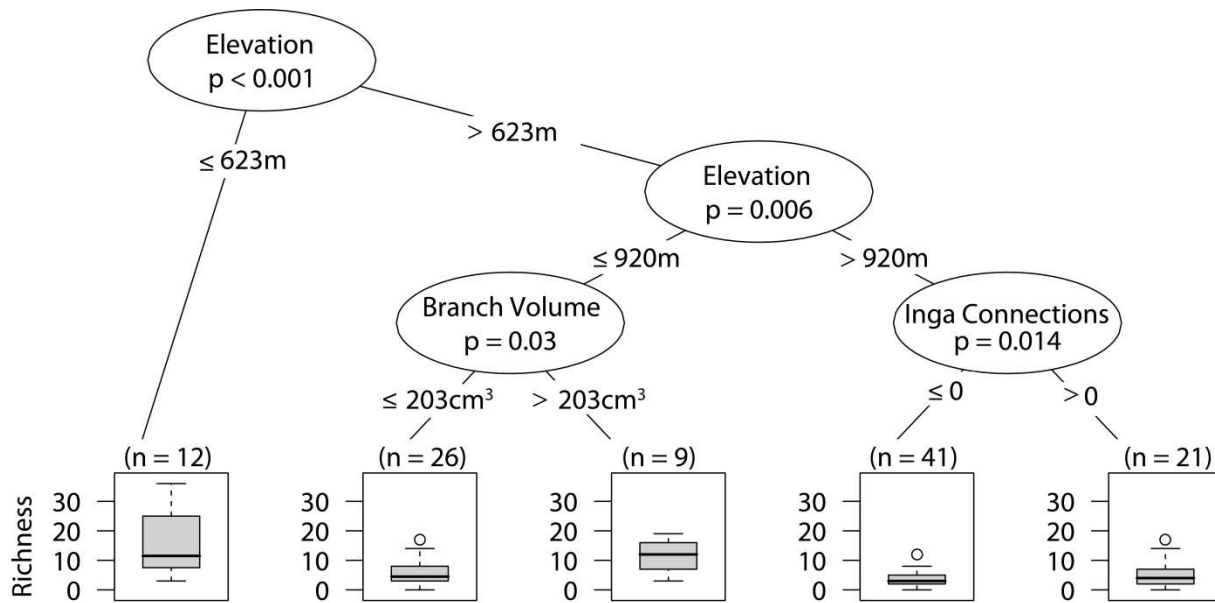


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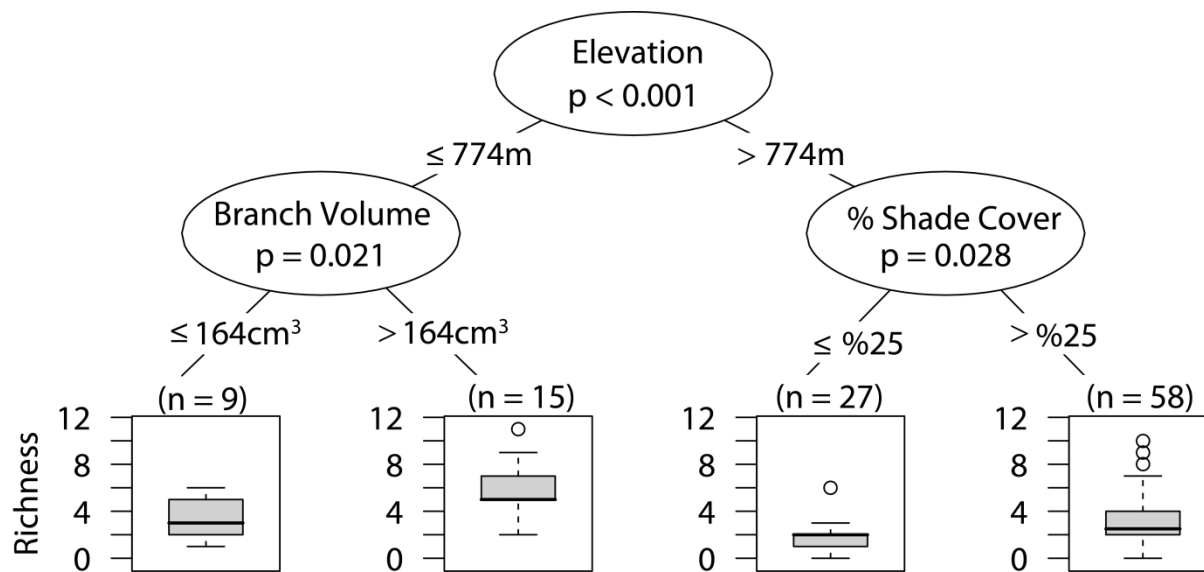
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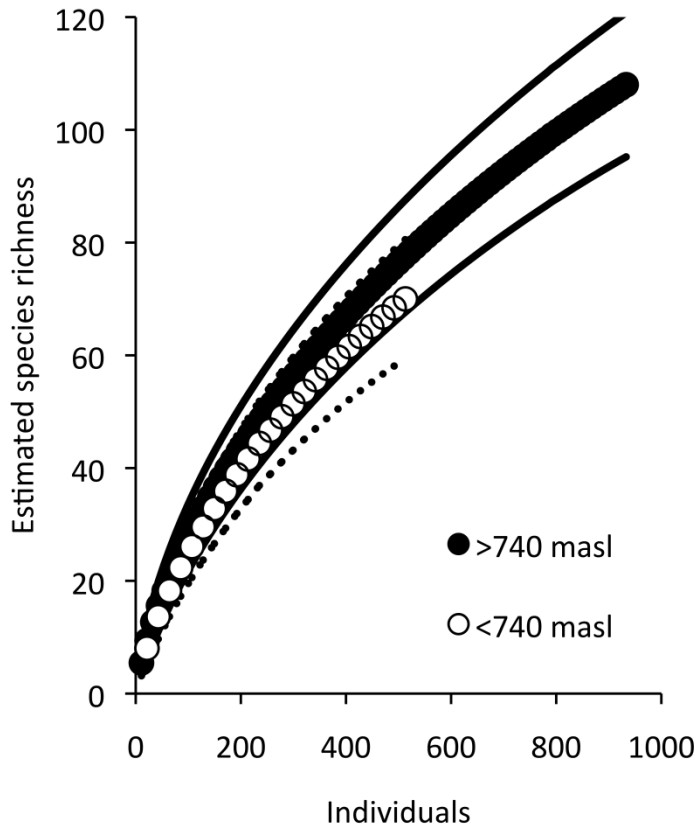
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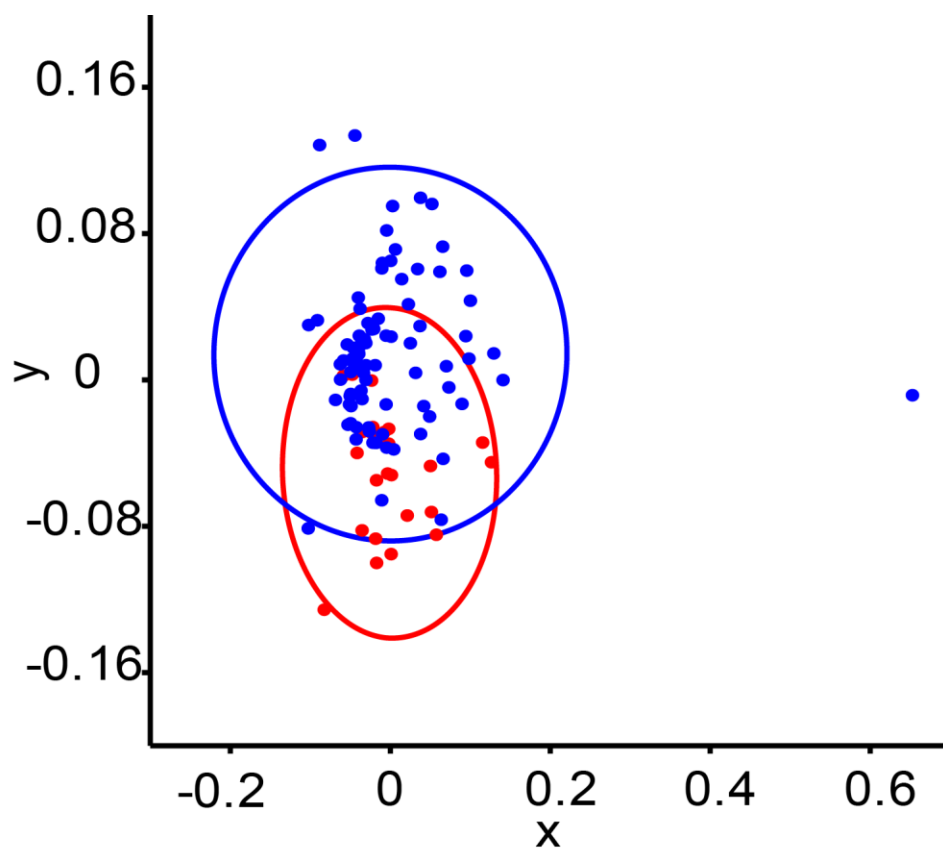
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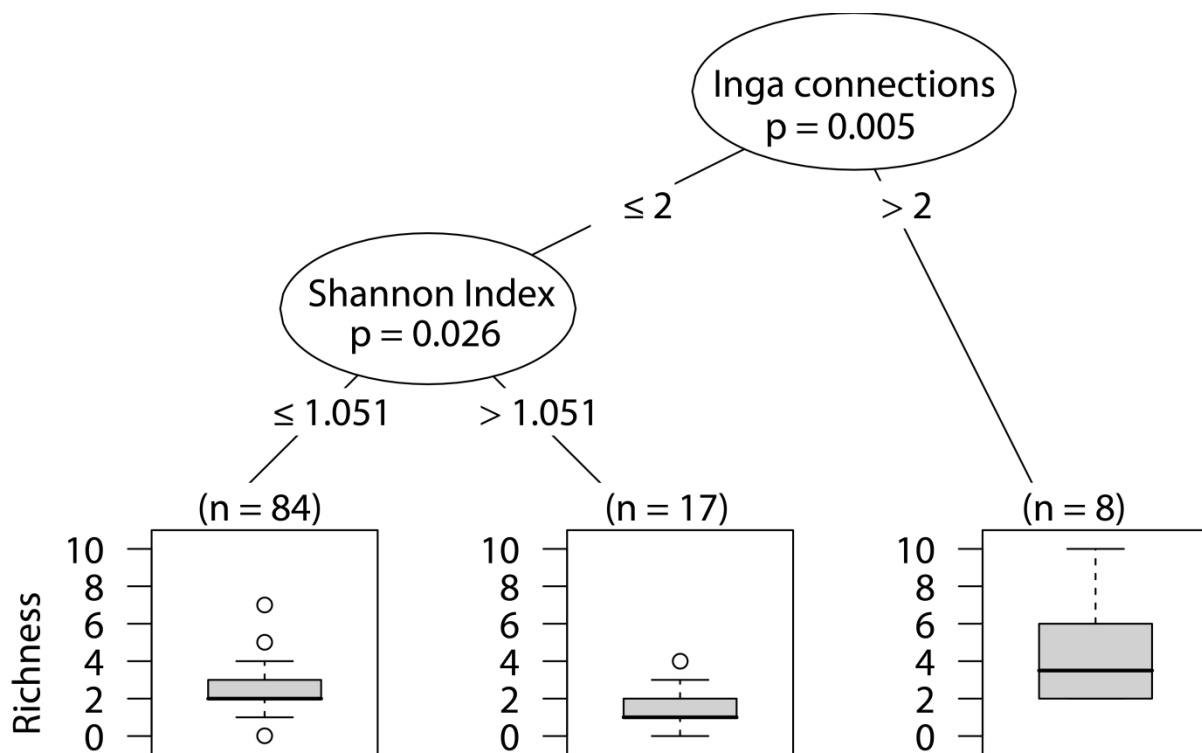
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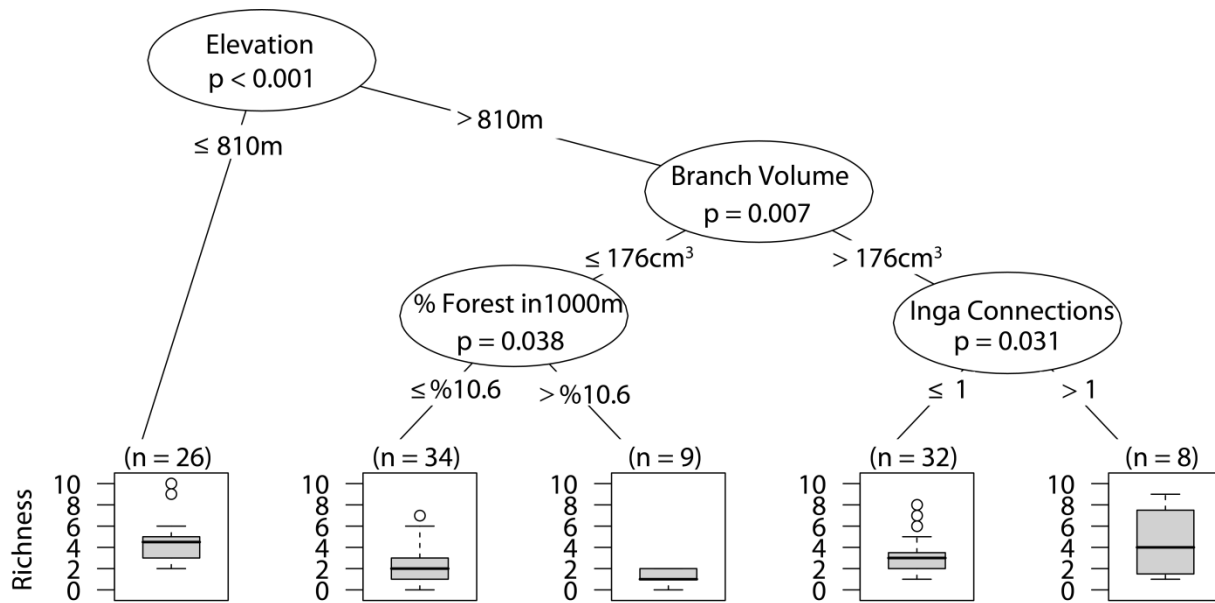


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	min	max	mean
Tree Scale			
height	400cm	1700cm	743cm
CBH	20cm	206cm	74cm
# of connections	0	6	1.3
branch volume	40cm <sup>3</sup>	460cm <sup>3</sup>	190cm <sup>3</sup>
leaf area	9692cm <sup>2</sup>	73549cm <sup>2</sup>	31164cm <sup>2</sup>
Plot Scale			
shade cover	2.5%	94%	94%
plot area	0.8h	1.1h	1.0h
total trees	57	312	169
trees per area	63	337	169
Landscape Scale			
% forest in 1000m	0	18%	7%
% low intensity agriculture in 1000m	0	90%	30%
%med intensity agriculture in 1000m	0	90%	40%
%high intensity agriculture in 1000m	0	90%	30%
Distance to forest	60m	870m	321m
Landscape heterogeneity in 1000m	0.17	15	1
Elevation	595m	1273m	942m

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